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A Resolution

*To Urge and Request LSU Administration and the Office of Facility
Services to implement multilingual signage in the LSU Student
Union.*

- 1 WHEREAS, there is a growing population of current and incoming
- 2 Spanish-speaking students on campus; therefore, it is imperative that
- 3 Louisiana State University accommodate to linguistic needs; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hispanic students are the second largest and the fastest
- 5 growing minority on campus; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Spanish is the fastest growing language both in
- 7 Louisiana and in America; and
- 8 WHEREAS, French is not a foreign language in Louisiana; it is both
- 9 an integral part of the Louisiana culture and is significant in its use.
- 10 French is the only language (besides English) that can be used within
- 11 State Legislative chambers; and

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12 WHEREAS, the French Embassy to the United States has designated
13 the LSU Center for French and Francophone Studies as a “centre
14 d'excellence,” an honor given to only 15 university French programs in
15 the United States; this designation comes with financial and project-
16 based support that ensures the department’s success; and

17 WHEREAS, the LSU Center for French and Francophone Studies is
18 internationally recognized as an integral part of the French community
19 as it’s Cajun and Creole history is closely linked to France, Canada,
20 Africa, and the Caribbean; and

21 WHEREAS this program has attracted a diverse range of international
22 students from French-speaking countries such as France, Germany,
23 Italy, Romania, Senegal, Tunisia, Algeria, Ivory Coast, Gabon, and
24 Canada, as well as from French-speaking communities across the
25 United States; and

26 WHEREAS, following the university’s commitment to diversity, equity,
27 and inclusion, this will ensure a continuous atmosphere of inclusion;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the Student Union is largely monolingual and inaccessible
30 to non-native English speakers; and

31 WHEREAS, the Student Union is a high-traffic area and often the site
32 for many admissions and tour events; and

33 WHEREAS, multilingual signage will further allow accessibility to the
34 general public and potentially increase the number of prospective
35 students; and

36 WHEREAS, multilingual signage will further Louisiana State
37 University’s mission of continuous diversity.

38 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE
39 UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE, that LSU Administration and the
40 Office of Facility Services to implement multilingual signage in the
41 LSU Student Union, giving the highest consideration to the Spanish
42 and French languages.

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44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
45 RESOLUTION BE SUBMITTED TO President Galligan, Provost
46 Haynie, Vice President Shinn, and LSU Staff Senate.

47 THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE by a
 48 simple majority (one-half plus one) vote of the LSU Student Senate
 49 and signature by the Student Body President, upon lapse of time for
 50 presidential action, or if vetoed by the President and subsequently
 51 approved by the Senate, on the date of such approval.


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APPROVED:



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 SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE: 4/1/21

 STONE COX
 STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: _____